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FIRE SAFETY NOTICE

Ref: Shutdown of Electric Automatic Grease Traps

As a result of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) if you are a restaurant, school, or other foodservice establishment, that has closed and utilizes an electric automatic grease trap / grease recovery unit (examples below) in the kitchen, it is important that proper shutdown steps be followed.

Follow all manufacturer's instructions for maintenance and shutdown. However, at a minimum owners should take the following steps during extended periods without use:

- Switch off / unplug from wall outlet / or otherwise de-energize the unit
- Empty the collection container

Failure to disconnect power during a facility closure can result in damage to the unit and create a potential fire hazard.

Please contact the unit manufacturer with questions about specific shutdown procedures. The City of Fairfax Fire Marshal's Office is available to answer questions about fire safety by calling (703) 385-7830. For all emergency situations call 911.

